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1. CONGEN REACHED ROGER ROUSSEAU ABOUT SIX P.M. TO ASK WHETHER GOC HAD RESPONDED TO IOC DECISION THAT ROC ALREADY HERE AND ACCREDITED SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN GAMES, WHICH I UNDERSTOOD TO BE RESPONSIBILITY OF COJO TO CONVEY TO GOC. ROUSSEAU SAID HE HAD HAD NO OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL WORD OF ANY SUCH IOC DECISION.
 2. CG HAS CONSIDERED ROSSEAU AND WIFE GOOD FRIENDS FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS. FOLLOWING ACRIMONIOUS, ALMOST VENOMOUS, CONVERSATION SUGGEST THAT LINK MAY BE PERMANENTLY IMPAIRED.
 3. ROSSEAU FIRST DEMANDED, "WHY IS US DOING THIS -- AND DOING IT IN CANADA? FIRST YOU CREATED THEN DESTROYED THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. NOW IN NAME OF SAVING GAMES YOU ARE DESTROYING THEM. AND YOU'RE DOING IT HERE." TO GC'S PROTEST THAT USG IS NOT DOING ANYTHING, THIS IS AUTONOMOUS USOC MATTER, AND EXPRESSION OF PERSONAL BELIEF THEY ARE GENUINELY CONCERNED ABOUT PRINCIPLE
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--PURITY OF GAMES CONCEPTS, ETC. -- HE EXPLODED ABOUT "PURITY":

"WHEN WE'RE SPENDING OVER A MILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE NOT ALL DRUGGED." AFTER A FURTHER PROTEST "NOT OUR" HE ACKNOWLEDGED, "NO, NOT YOURS -- JUST IN GENERAL, BUT DON'T TELL ME ABOUT PURITY."

4. CONVERSATION, WHICH LASTED ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES, ALL IN SAME VEIN. REFERENCE TO LEAGUE AROSE ABOUT THREE TIMES AS DID REFERENCE TO "US LEADING THE WAY" AND "THOSE FIVE GUYS WERE BORN IN US." HE CASTIGATED KRUMM AND THE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HIM IN MORNING PRESS THAT "MEXICO AND OTHER COUNTRIES PREPARED TO FOLLOW US OUT." IF CANDOR IS MARK OF FRIENDSHIP, TIE WITH CG IS STRONG, BUT DEPTH OF FRUSTRATION AND FURY GREATER THAN ANYTHING SHE HAS PREVIOUSLY HEARD FROM HIM, EVEN IN DARK DAYS WHEN THERE WERE RUMORS OF GAMES BEING MOVED DUE INCOMPLETION OF FACILITIES.

5. UNABLE LOCATE ANY US MEMBER OF IOC OR USOC TO QUERY WHY IOC HAS NOT INFORMED COJO OF LAST NIGHT'S DECISION, NOR EVEN WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY TO SO INFORM THIS MAY BE. DO BELIEVE ROUSSEAU'S STATEMENT THAT HE HAS NOT HAD IT OFFICIALLY OF OTHERWISE FROM IOC, THOUGH HE MUST KNOW OF IT AS IT CARRIED IN PRESS AND OTHER MEDIA. HE REFERRED INDEED TO "RUMORS" ALONG THAT LINE.

6. SHOULD FURTHER NOTE THAT CONGEN OFFICES RECEIVING A NUMBER OF CALLS FROM CANADIANS ALSO ASKING "WHY IS U.S. DOING THIS TO US? AND, IN CASE OF THOSE WHO FIRST ASK "ARE YOU AN AMERICAN?" AND TOLD "NO" BY FSL'S IN USIS (BPAO IS OUT OF TOWN) ARE SIMPLY SAYING, "WELL WHY THE HELL DO YOU WORK FOR THEM?" AND HANGING UP.

7. IOC PRESS CONFERENCE, ABOUT TO BEGIN, WILL BE FOLLOWED BY USOC PRESS CONFERENCE. NO ONE WILL COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OTHER THAN "IT'S ABOUT TAIWAN."
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